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JOINT REPORT IN ADVANCE OF FEBRUARY 22, 2023 STATUS CONFERENCE

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The parties have no issues to raise with the Court at this time. The Parties note that depositions continue to be scheduled for a few remaining Direct Action Plaintiffs, and that the Parties are expecting a response from the USDA shortly relating to deposition topics pursuant to the USDA's *Touhy* regulations. There are no disputes on these topics ripe for Court intervention. The Parties do not believe a status conference is necessary at this time, but will of course be happy to make themselves available at the Court's discretion.

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